



CELL GROUP MATERIAL

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12 APRIL SERMON

Winning to the End

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Icebreaker

Question: If you knew you only had one year left to live, what would you change about how you're living right now? What would become more important? What would become less important?

Key Scripture

1 Peter 4:7-11

"But the end of all things is at hand. Therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things, have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God..."

Main Points Summary

1. PRAY HARDER (Be serious and watchful in prayer)

- Requires a clear mind (free from distractions)
- Requires a focused heart (centered on eternal priorities)
- Requires intentional connection with God

2. LOVE DEEPER (Have fervent, stretched love)

- Love that covers offenses
- Love that reaches out to "strangers" (different people)
- Love without grumbling

3. SERVE SMARTER (Use your gifts with God's strength)

- Use your gifts to serve others
 - Depend on God's strength, not your own
 - Glorify God in everything
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Discussion Questions

Section 1: Pray Harder

Personal Reflection: On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your prayer life right now? What's helping or hindering you?

1. **Practical Challenge:** The sermon mentioned that distractions (especially phones) can hinder our prayer life. What are the biggest distractions that keep you from praying with a "clear mind"?
 2. **Group Discussion:** The sermon emphasized praying together. What opportunities does our church provide for corporate prayer? Which ones could you commit to joining?
 3. **Application:** What would it look like for you personally to "pray harder" this week? What one practical step could you take?
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Section 2: Love Deeper

5. **Honest Sharing:** The sermon said "offenses will come." Have you experienced an offense that made it difficult to continue loving someone? (Share only what you're comfortable sharing)
 6. **Scripture Exploration:** What does it mean that "love covers a multitude of sins"? How is this different from ignoring sin or enabling bad behaviour?
 7. **Challenge Question:** Who in your life is "strange" or different from you—someone who rubs you the wrong way? How can you love them with God's strength this week?
 8. **Group Accountability:** Have you ever been tempted to leave church or distance yourself from God because of what another Christian did? How can we help each other not let offenses destroy relationships?
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Section 3: Serve Smarter

9. **Gift Inventory:** What spiritual gifts do you think God has given you? (Refer to Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, or Ephesians 4 if needed)
 10. **Reality Check:** Are you currently serving in an area that drains you completely? Could this be a sign you're serving outside your gifting? How can you discern the difference between spiritual warfare and serving outside your calling?
 11. **Motivation Check:** When you serve, what motivates you? Is it to glorify God, gain recognition, or meet others' expectations? How can we keep our motives pure?
 12. **Stewardship:** The sermon emphasized depending on God's strength. Share a time when you tried to serve in your own strength versus God's strength. What was the difference?
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Key Takeaways

- **The end is near** - We must live with urgency and intentionality
- **Winning isn't about how you start, but how you finish** - Faithfulness to the end matters most
- **We cannot do any of these things without God's power** - The Holy Spirit is essential

- **God is committed to getting us to the finish line** - He has all power and authority to help us win
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge (Choose 1-2):

For Prayer:

- Commit to joining one corporate prayer gathering this month (633, Travail, Sunday morning prayer, Ministry prayer etc.)
- Set aside 15-30 minutes of undistracted prayer time daily (put phone away)
- Start a prayer partnership with someone in the group

For Love:

- Identify one person who has offended you and pray for them daily this week
- Reach out to someone "strange" or different from you with intentional kindness
- Practice hospitality by inviting someone over without complaining about the inconvenience

For Service:

- Ask God to reveal or confirm your spiritual gifts
 - Evaluate your current service—are you serving in your gifting or out of obligation?
 - Before serving this week, pray specifically for God's strength rather than relying on your own
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Prayer Focus

For the Upcoming Revival (April 22-25):

- Pray for Brother Tony Suarez's ministry
- Pray for miracles, healings, and salvations
- Consider fasting in preparation
- Pray for good ground (hearts) to receive the Word

For Each Other:

- Share specific prayer needs related to the three main points
- Pray for strength to finish well

- Pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit for anyone who needs it
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For Next Week

- Reflect on how you applied this week's challenges
 - Come prepared to share testimonies of how God helped you pray harder, love deeper, or serve smarter
 - Continue praying for the revival and for each other
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Additional Resources

- **Scripture Memory:** 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - **Further Study:** Read the full book of 1 Peter this week
 - **Worship Playlist:** Songs that focus on God's awesome presence and our commitment to Him
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